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2                                   **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

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4           A braking system for a personal water craft which is activated when a high velocity

5 water jet is cut off. The braking system is comprised of a planar member attached to a rear

6 portion of the water craft. The braking member is movable to an elevated non-operative

7 position during a discharge of the high velocity water jet and to a lowered operative

8 position during a cut off of the water jet. In a first embodiment of the invention, the planar

9 braking member is automatically movable to the operative position and to the non-

10 operative position. In a second embodiment, the planar braking member is manually

11 elevated to the non-operative position and manually lowered to the operative position by

12 a link or a cable.

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